

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0009**

REQUEST UP TO \$550,000 FROM THE
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO AUGMENT THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEACH WATER QUALITY PROGRAM (BEACH SAFETY
PROGRAM) FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2012, THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

WHEREAS:

1. The Department of Public Health (DPH) formerly administered the Beach Safety Program which includes monitoring beach water quality with both state and federal funds.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) provided funding to DPH for beach water quality monitoring through December 31, 2011, pending identification of a long-term sustainable funding source.
3. On October 8, 2011, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 482 (Chapter 592 of 2011) transferring authority over water quality monitoring at beaches from the DPH to the State Water Board. SB 482 also provides the State Water Board with the means of funding the program through waste discharge permit fees effective July 1, 2012;
4. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) through the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act (BEACH Act) authorizes the State Water Board to request and administer state BEACH Act grant funds to augment California's existing Beach Safety Program;
5. State Water Board staff determined the Program qualifies for Class 6 categorical exemption from California Environmental Quality Act requirements and will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the application for and administration of the U.S. EPA BEACH Act grant to augment the beach water quality monitoring programs at coastal recreational waters near beaches in California for the period of October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013, and

2. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality to issue appropriate Contracts and any amendments to implement the Program.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on February 21, 2012.

AYE: Chairman Charles R. Hoppin
Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board